

## RUSSIA BACKS DOWN

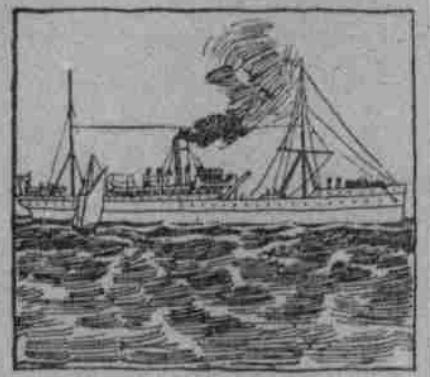
Will Probably Release the Captured British Steamer Malacca.

### VOLUNTEER FLEET'S STATUS.

St. Petersburg and Smolensk Commissioned as Warships Through Russian Consul at Suez, and Czar Insists They Have Legal Standing.

St. Petersburg, July 22.—It is stated authoritatively that the Malacca will probably be at once released. The exact status of the case at present is as follows:

Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador to Great Britain, has asked for Lord Lansdowne's official assurance that the munitions on board were British government stores. If this is given orders will instantly be issued to release the vessel. At the same time, Great Britain will be notified that ships stopped by Russia whose manifests are not in order will be held. Russia will maintain the legality of the status of the Smolensk and St.



BRITISH STEAMER MALACCA.

Petersburg as warships. They are under the orders of the admiralty, and were commissioned by the admiralty's instructions. Under the regulations of the volunteer fleet, Russia claims that ships belonging thereto can be converted into warships without previous notice, upon orders from the admiralty. When the Smolensk and St. Petersburg reached Suez on their way out they received from the Russian consul the admiralty's instructions commissioning them as warships. The idea that Great Britain might meet the question of conversion by authorizing British merchantmen to hoist the naval flag is ridiculed in official circles, where full confidence seems to exist that the incident will be speedily and satisfactorily adjusted.

All St. Petersburg is talking of nothing except the possibility of complications with Great Britain. At the embassy and legations intense activity reigns. In diplomatic circles, however, the sentiment is almost unanimous that Russia will yield. There is reason to believe that France has strongly advised her ally to adopt this course, and Lord Lansdowne, Ambassador Benckendorff and M. Cambon, the French ambassador to Great Britain, are consulting in London with the view of the adjustment of the incident as quickly as possible.

### BALFOUR DEFERS STATEMENT

Commons Postpones Red Sea Discussion to Monday.

London, July 22.—Monday, when questioned in the house of commons on the departure of the Malacca from Port Said, Premier Balfour confirmed the departure of the ship in charge of a Russian prize crew and added that he would "make a statement to the house on this most serious question at some future day," but, in addition, he thought it was not desirable that a statement should be made prematurely.

General Laurie, Conservative, intended to raise the whole Red sea question in the house, but it was announced that at the request of Earl Percy, under-

secretary for foreign affairs, in view of the extreme importance of the subject he desired to postpone his question until Monday. By that time the British government is confident the Malacca incident will have been settled.

Foreign Secretary Lansdowne and Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, had another conference and discussed the Malacca seizure in a friendly manner.

Malacca Leaves Port Said. Port Said, July 22.—The Peninsular and Oriental steamer Malacca, which was arrested by the Russians in the Red sea a week ago on a charge that she had on board contraband of war, and which arrived here Tuesday, has left this port. She is probably bound for Cherbourg and Liban. Her bill of health is marked "Russia."

British Fleet Re-enforced. Valetta, Island of Malta, July 22.—The British cruisers Leander and Lancaster, accompanied by three torpedo boat destroyers, have left here to rejoin the Mediterranean squadron. The British cruiser Pyramus, the torpedo depot ship Vulcan and the torpedo gunboats Speedy and Harrier sailed later to join the fleet.

Russians Still Patrolling Near Aden. Aden, Arabia, July 22.—The Russian volunteer fleet steamers continue to patrol this vicinity. They did not attempt to interfere with the Peninsular and Oriental steamer Palawan. Steamers of the French (Messageries) line are allowed to pass unchallenged.

### BELL MAKING ARRESTS.

An Alleged Conspiracy Among Colorado Miners.

Victor, Colo., July 22.—The military authorities are making many arrests at the Portland mines. Regarding the reason for the arrests, Judge McGarry, chairman of the military commission, gives out the following statement:

"It has been ascertained that about 100 men working in the Portland mine are there in the interests of the Western Federation of Miners, and leaders among the men have organized a walk-out in a body for the purpose of embarrassing the operations of the mine. The management learned of this in time to secure men to fill their places. The names of all the members of this conspiracy were obtained by the military authorities and they are making arrests. The places of the men will be filled promptly as the management has been preparing for this for several days. These men obtained employment in the mine by deceit and false representations and were old employees. Their names were secured by detectives working in the mine."

A detail is patrolling Cripple Creek in order to pick up the men wanted, who may be misled by the authorities at Victor.

### Ex-Senator Vest Very Low.

Sedalia, Mo., July 22.—Former Senator George G. Vest is in a serious condition at his home at Sweet Springs, Mo. He appears to be growing weaker each day, and his vitality is very low. The senator has been exceedingly feeble for months, and it is now feared that he may not long survive.

### Robbers Blow Up a Bank.

East Moline, Ill., July 22.—The State bank of East Moline was entered by robbers, who blew open the vault and escaped. A posse is in pursuit. The entire front of the building was wrecked by the explosion, but officers of the bank say no money was obtained by the robbers.

### Shoots Wife and Defies Police.

Peoria, Ill., July 22.—Frank Pierce shot and killed his wife at their home in Canton, Fulton county, and then held the entire Canton police force at bay. The sheriff's force was summoned from Lewistown.

### Murder at Albion, N. Y.

Albion, N. Y., July 22.—A badly decomposed body, supposed to be that of Charles Lowe, forty-five years old, was found floating in the creek here. Both wrists were tied with a rope. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of murder.

## BATTLE ON THE LIAO

General Count Keller Rout Japanese With Great Loss.

### OKU RESUMES HIS ADVANCE.

Russians Expect Fight Near Kaichow at Any Moment—Kuroki Reported to Be Suffering From Malaria—Bandits Attack Russian Sentries.

Liaoyang, July 22.—The Russian eastern army attacked the Japanese on the other side of the valley of the Liao river. Lieutenant General Count Keller, after a hard fight, compelled the Japanese to retreat with great loss. General Hershkelman on July 19 had a successful engagement, forcing the Japanese to rapidly retreat on their main force.

The Russian losses were 200 men killed or wounded. Bands of Chinese bandits have appeared in the neighborhood. They attack the Russian sentries.

It is reported that General Kuroki is suffering from malaria and that he follows his army in a litter.

General Oku, it is rumored, has resumed his advance beyond Kaichow. The Russians are expecting a battle. The heat at Liaoyang registers 90 degrees F.

### Scare on Russian Frontier.

Berlin, July 22.—The belief of the Russian private soldier in Japanese ubiquity is amusingly illustrated by an incident reported from the Russo-German frontier. Two boat loads of Bromberg gymnasium students rowing on the Drewenz river were sharply called to a halt by a Russian frontier guard. The boats began a speedy retreat. The guardsman fired, and one of the boats surrendered. The other escaped to the German shore. The captives were taken to the nearest military post, escorted by a detachment of cavalry summoned by the guard, who reported the presence of two boat loads of Japanese spies. The students were identified without difficulty and released by the officer in command.

### Jap Reverse Reported.

Cheifu, July 22.—A French priest living in Cheifu, who is a personal friend of and who is in communication with General Stoessel, has received information that the Japanese suffered severe loss north of Port Arthur recently and were driven back to Nago pass.

### Chinese Bandits Increasingly Active.

St. Petersburg, July 22.—The invalid Russ draws attention to the increased activity of Chinese bandits near the railroad between Liaoyang and Mukden, which, the paper declares, may become dangerous in connection with the Japanese advance toward Aiping.

### To Improve Siberian Railway.

St. Petersburg, July 22.—Eleven million dollars has been allowed by the government for immediate improvements on the Siberian railway.

### Port Arthur Bombarded.

Tientsin, July 22.—It is reported here that a heavy bombardment of Port Arthur has occurred. Heavy gun firing was heard at Newchwang.

### Jews in Kuropatkin's Army.

St. Petersburg, July 22.—Rabbi Drabkin in an interview asserts that there are 15,000 Jews fighting in the Russian army in Manchuria.

### Ammunition Factories For Canada.

Winnipeg, Man., July 22.—Word has been received from Ottawa that Sir Frederick Borden has about completed a contract with a firm in England to build a large ammunition factory near Winnipeg, one at Ottawa and a third probably at Vancouver. The one to be built at Ottawa will produce 40,000,000 rounds annually. At present all ammunition and cordite comes from England, and in event of war with the United States Canada would be cut off from a supply. To guard against such a possibility it is planned to build these factories.

### Hanged in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburg, July 22.—Nicholas Glazner has been hanged in the county jail yard. Glazner was convicted of the murder of his sweetheart, Margaret Hall, a servant, whom he shot Feb. 10, 1903. When arraigned in court, he refused to have an attorney, and after one was appointed by the court he refused to acquit him with the facts. On the witness stand Glazner flatly denied having committed the murder. The governor sent an alienist to Pittsburgh to examine the man's mental condition, and he pronounced Glazner sane.

### Burton Gets Writ of Error.

Washington, July 22.—Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court has granted a writ of error to the United States district court for the eastern district of Missouri in the case of Senator Joseph R. Burton, convicted in St. Louis of accepting a fee for services before the postoffice department while a member of the United States senate. The case will be reviewed by the United States supreme court probably in the fall.

### Roosevelt's Speech Ready.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 22.—President Roosevelt has completed the speech he will deliver on the 27th inst. on the occasion of his notification of the action of the Chicago convention. It is about 3,000 words in length.

## END OF MEAT STRIKE.

Fifty Thousand Butcher Workmen Back at Their Posts.

Chicago, July 22.—Fifty thousand butcher workmen, who quit work July 12, embarrassing the entire meat industry of the country, have gone back to their posts. While they continue peace fully at work a board of arbitration will pass judgment upon the contentions of the laborers for higher wages and less arduous working conditions and the decision of the arbitrators will settle the issue of the strike.

President Donnelly of the Butchers union has received the prompt approval of all of the executive board members except two. The points yet to be heard from are Syracuse and San Francisco. Around the Chicago stockyards there was rejoicing among the strikers as well as the stock men and packing interests. The unionists, who had looked forward to seeing the strike spread in a sympathetic movement involving all the mechanical trades and perhaps the teamsters and firemen, learned with relief that instead of the greater strike there was to be peace.

Many of the strikers, however, expressed disappointment that their strike, after causing them to lose eight and a half days' wages, had failed to decide their demands for higher wages or to make it certain that all would be reinstated without greater loss of time.

## RUSSIAN SHIP SINKS A BRITISH STEAMER

Commander of Torpedo Boat Reports "Accidentally Torpedoed" Vessel in Pechili Gulf.

Tientsin, July 22.—A letter received here from Newchwang says that the commander of a Russian torpedo boat has reported that while in the gulf of Pechili he accidentally torpedoed a British steamer. It is surmised here that the vessel referred to is the Hipsiang, now five days overdue from Newchwang. The Hipsiang belongs to the Indo-China Navigation company.

### Asbury's Baby Parade.

Asbury Park, N. J., July 22.—Arrangements have been completed for the holding of the annual baby parade here this year. The Carnival association having this matter in charge has announced the following dates for the various events in connection with the parade: Aug. 29, queen's coronation and ball in the new Beach casino; Aug. 30, firemen's festival and in the evening the masque fête; Aug. 31, queen's pageant and baby parade at 2:30 in the afternoon, with a grand water carnival on Deni lake in the evening. These events will be conducted on a more elaborate scale than ever before. Entries are already coming in at a rapid rate.

### Fatal Riot Caused by a Dog.

Chicago, July 22.—In a riot growing out of an attempt to take a dog from a Maxwell street tenement house, Policeman P. Lillis was fatally injured with an ice pick. Dog Catchers Edward Starchy and Matthew Werl were knocked unconscious with stones, and Wolf Kalford, Isaac Cohen and David Harris received bullet wounds in the legs. The disturbance was quelled after a detachment of fifty police had fired two volleys at the crowd which had gathered and was attacking the dog catchers.

### A Stringent Labor Injunction.

Chicago, July 22.—What is said to be the most stringent labor injunction ever issued by the Cook county superior court has been granted by Judge Haney. It was given in behalf of twenty firms in the Chicago Metal Trades association restraining members of District lodge 8, International Association of Machinists, from picketing the plants. The injunction also forbids strikers from even talking to work men of the complainants.

### Younghusband Nearing Lassa.

Gyangtse, Tibet, July 22.—The British mission to Tibet, under command of Colonel Younghusband, on July 15 forced a passage of the ice clad Karola the highest pass on the road to Lassa. A more stubborn defense than was met was expected, but the Tibetans retired early in the engagement, sniping the advancing British soldiers from the neighboring cliffs. The British are now ninety-two miles from Lassa.

### Norge Survivors Reach America.

New York, July 22.—Forty-eight survivors of the ill fated Danish steamer Norge, which foundered off Rockall Scotland, have been brought here on the Cunard line steamer Aurania from Liverpool and Queenstown. These passengers landed at Stornoway in two of the ship's boats after untold sufferings and hardships, but all looked well when seen on board the Aurania.

### Drowned Daughter and Self.

Syracuse, N. Y., July 22.—Mrs. Mary Baker, a young woman living near Joe Injun pond, south of Potsdam, threw her eight-year-old daughter into the outlet and then leaped in herself. The mother's body was recovered. Mrs. Baker was deserted by her husband a short time ago, and neighbors say she lost her mind in consequence.

### Icon Stealers Captured.

St. Petersburg, July 22.—The man and woman who stole the "miracle working" picture of the Madonna from Kazan cathedral have been arrested at Nijni Novgorod and will be taken back to Kazan. The jewels which adorned the picture have been recovered, but the icon itself is said to have been burned.

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## FOLK IS NOMINATED.

Unanimous Choice For Governor of Missouri Democratic Convention.

### AN ANTI-BOODLER PLATFORM

Circuit Attorney of Jefferson County Declares That if Elected to Be Chief of State He Will Fight Corruption to the Death.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 22.—After an all night session, marked by intervals of disorder and commotion that could not be quelled by the gavel, the Democratic state convention unanimously nominated Joseph W. Folk, circuit attorney of St. Louis, for governor and adopted a platform which promises vigorous unrelenting crusade against corruption and boodle in Missouri in the event of Democratic supremacy at the polls.

Thomas L. Rubey of Lagrange was nominated by acclamation for lieutenant governor.

Samuel B. Cook was nominated for secretary of state.

Albert O. Allen was nominated for state auditor.

There was no doubt about the nomination from the beginning of the first session of the convention. The Folk



delegates far outnumbered the delegates of his only rival for the nomination, Harry B. Hawes, president of the Jefferson Democratic club of St. Louis, and the result of the convention was clearly defined.

Mr. Folk, in accepting the nomination, said in part:

"When I see about me representatives of the Democratic party of Missouri, and when I realize I have been chosen to represent the plans and policies of that great party I am profoundly impressed with the responsibility of my position. While I am gratified by the confidence you have expressed in me, I do not congratulate myself upon the high honor you have done me, because my mind is full of anxious desire to perform well the part that has been assigned to me. This campaign has been waged not for a man, but for no idea. I don't claim to have done anything to merit this distinction in the place of duty assigned to me. I have endeavored to do my duty under my oath of office to my city and state.

How well I have succeeded I could not say. If your selection shall be ratified by the people of the state I shall do my very best and carry out the policies for which the masses of the Democratic party have been contending. The exposure of corruption in Missouri has made the people realize the menace to good government if it is tolerated and the necessity of stamping out the influence of corruption from our political life. I have been fighting them with all the powers at my command and have labored them with the whip of the law. I have no favors to ask of them and no quarter to give. It is unrelenting warfare to the end. In their frenzied desperation they have spewed out their venom of slander and abuse, the aid and assistance of good citizens given me, and the other, the intense hatred and malicious mouthings of corrupt enemies.

The responsibility for the existence of corruption does not rest upon either party, but this Democratic party has assumed the responsibility for stamping it out, and we want all good citizens of every political belief to aid us. The battle against boodle has only commenced in Missouri. If I am elected to a larger field of opportunity I propose to make Missouri the most unhealthy place in all the land for corruptionists to operate in.

There is to be done in this state in moral, material and intellectual advancement, which you have commissioned me to do. The commission is a sacred one, and I shall observe it as such. Here, in your presence and in the presence of this great multitude, I consecrate myself to the work you have assigned to me, and with your help and as long as God gives me life and strength to do it will combat the things that dishonor and oppress.

### The Platform.

The platform adopted pledges support to Parker, favors the initiative and referendum, taxation of corporations the same as individuals and the assessment of franchises, equal rights to both labor and capital, separating the police from politics, the eradication of the granting of railroad passes to legislators and the building of good roads.

The principal plank in the platform is in regard to bribery. It is in part as follows:

The Democratic party of Missouri not only stands for material and intellectual progress, but for moral advancement, and declares that the paramount issue before the people of Missouri is the eradication of bribery from public life in this state. Other offenses violate the law, while bribery aims at the assassination of the commonwealth itself. The decree has gone forth that there is no room in the Democratic party for bidders. We repudiate their support and do not want their votes. We invite such as are masquerading under the cloak of the Democratic party to

bolt and propose to make them bolt not only the party but the state.

The modern punishment now in force being entirely inadequate to the enormity of the offense, we advocate law compelling witnesses to testify truthfully, to testify and relieving them of any testimony procured by reason of any testimony they may give.

We demand the prompt investigation of all rumors of bribery and the prosecution of offenders, no matter to what political party they claim to belong.

We believe a statute should be enacted authorizing the governor, through the attorney general, to take charge of any grand jury in the state for the purpose of investigating corruption, or any violation of the laws.

### The Candidate's History.

Joseph Wingate Folk was born in Brownsville, Tenn., Oct. 28, 1859. His father is Judge Henry B. Folk of Brownsville, and his mother a descendant of the Estes family of Virginia.

Mr. Folk is a graduate of Vanderbilt university of Nashville, Tenn. He practiced law in Brownsville for 10 years and then went to St. Louis in 1892. Soon he became identified with the younger element of the Immortal party and first became prominent in political circles when he was made a charter member of the Jefferson club, the leading Democratic organization. He served in the capacity of president of the organization in 1898.

Mr. Folk became more generally known to the citizens of St. Louis through the prominent part he took in the settlement of the great street car strike of 1900.

As circuit attorney of St. Louis Mr. Folk successfully prosecuted number of bribe-takers in both branches of the municipal assembly.

Mr. Folk's immediate family consists of but himself and wife.

### Texas' Antitrust Campaign.

San Antonio, Tex., July 22.—Attorney General Bell of Austin summoned before a local magistrate four insurance agents, representatives of the greatest insurance companies in the world, in a proceeding to disclose information relating to alleged violation of the antitrust law in Texas. The proceeding grows out of a rate war in this city and a tree which was intended to be permanent adjustment of rates. The testimony was reluctantly given and many witnesses declined to answer on the ground that they might incriminate themselves. This may result in proceeding to deny foreign insurance corporations the right to do business in Texas.

### South Dakota Democrats.

Aberdeen, S. D., July 22.—The Democratic state convention has nominated Louis N. Crill of Union county for governor and Frederick S. Rowe of Stanley county for lieutenant governor. Although the convention appeared to be in control of the radical, or Bryan, element of the Democratic party, yet the mention of Judge Parker's name by the temporary chairman, T. M. Simmons, was greeted with tumultuous applause. The platform adopted commends the action of the St. Louis convention, renews allegiance to William J. Bryan and declares for government ownership of railroads and public utilities.

### Fourth Class Postmasters.

Washington, July 22.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed: Pennsylvania—Challenge, Anna Calhoun; Westerville, Allen Horlacher. New York—Frazier, Joseph Chaney; Hannibal Center, Charles A. Rogers; Hogsburg, Francis E. Sanjole; Park James D. Grover.

### Military Honors For Kruger.

London, July 22.—The government has informed Lord Milner, British high commissioner for South Africa, that any military honors he may consider proper to arrange in connection with the interment of the remains of former President Kruger at Pretoria will have the full sanction of the imperial government.

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